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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELTN, EAID, CG, TZ, ZA
SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION FOR POSSIBLE PL-480 CORN SHIPMENTS
TO ZAIRE

REF: (A) STATE 190173, (B) DAR ES SALAAM 758, (C) STATE 24983

1. REF B REPORT OF 18 FEB ON STATE OF TANZANIA'S PORT AND
RAIL FACILITIES WAS PREPARED IN RESPONSE REF C AND RELATED
REQUESTS. REF B DIRECTLY ADDRESSED SUBJECT AND REFERENCED
REF C.

2. GIVEN DIFFICULTY HERE IN OBTAINING UP TO DATE PICTURE OF
COMPLEX TRANSPORT SITUATION, WE DISAPPOINTED THAT OFFICE IN
DEPT REQUESTING THE INFORMATION APPARENTLY DID NOT RECEIVE
OUR RESPONSE IN TIMELY MANNER AND THAT IT WAITED SIX MONTHS
TO FOLLOW UP.

3. TRANSPORT SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED SINCE SUBMISSION
REF B.

A) PORT CONGESTION HAS WORSENERED. DURING LAST MONTH OR SO
AN AVERAGE OF 15 SHIPS HAVE BEEN WAITING EACH DAY IN OUTER
ANCHORAGE. PORT HAS LITTLE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO HANDLE GRAIN.
IN FACT, CURRENT IMPORTS FOR TANZANIA AND 10,000 TONS WHEAT
PER MONTH FOR ZAMBIA STRAINING FACILITIES. ANY ADDITIONAL
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REGULAR SUPPLY, SUCH AS PL-480 FOR ZAIRE, WOULD PROBABLY
REQUIRE ITS OWN TEMPORARY STORAGE FACILITIES, VACULATORS, ETC.
MOVEMENT OUT OF PORT AREA REMAINS SLOW.

B) TAZARA STILL FACED WITH SLOW TURNAROUND TIME FOR WAGONS.
EXPECTED 40,000 TONS COKE FOR ZAMBIA WILL STRAIN AVAILABLE
CAPACITY. CORN FOR ZAIRE WOULD HAVE TO BE BAGGED AND MUCH OF

IT TRANSPORTED BY TRUCKS ON TANZAM HIGHWAY RATHER THAN BY
TAZARA.

C) CENTRAL RAIL LINE (VIA KIGOMA) HAS MORE TRAFFIC THAN IT CAN
EFFICIENTLY HANDLE NOW.
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